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THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF EUROGROUP COMMUNIQUE RELEASED
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EUROGROUP MINISTERIAL MEETING
HELD AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON MAY 16, 1977. BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE EUROGROUP (BELGIUM, DENMARK, GERMANY, GREECE,
ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, TURKEY,
UNITED KINGDOM) MET IN MINISTERIAL SESSION AT NATO HEAD-
QUARTERS IN BRUSSELS ON 16 MAY 1977 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF MR ORLA MOLLER, DEFENCE MINISTER OF DENMARK.

2. MINISTERS HELD WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES
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CURRENTLY CONCERNING THE ALLIANCE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE
TO THE WAY IN WHICH THEY AFFECT THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS AND
TO CONTINUING COOPERATION WITHIN THE EUROGROUP. THEY WEL-
COMED THE POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT MEETING OF THE
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN LONDON WITH THE PARTICIPATION
OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENTS.

3. MINISTERS PLEDGED THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE GREATER SECURITY THROUGH NEGOTIATION BUT VOICED THEIR CONCERN AT THE GROWTH IN THE POWER OF THE WARSAW PACT WHICH IS INCREASINGLY OFFENSIVE IN CHARACTER. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY ATTACH TO ENSURING THE COHESION AND VITALITY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN WHICH THE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A MAJOR PART. THEY TOOK THE VIEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR AN ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE DEFENCE CAPABILITY.

4. MINISTERS CONFIRMED THEIR RESOLVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO THE ALLIANCE. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE RECENT SIGNATURE OF THE CONTRACTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE F16 BY BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY.

5. MINISTERS REVIEWED THE COLLABORATIVE WORK CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY EACH OF EUROGROUP'S SPECIALIST SUB-GROUPS (EUROCOM, EUROLOG, EUROLONGTERM, EUROMED, EURONAD, EUROSTRUCTURE, EURO/NATOTRAINING). THEY RECEIVED COMPREHENSIVE REPORTS FROM THE DEFENCE MINISTERS OF BELGIUM, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SUB-GROUPS CHAIRED BY THEIR COUNTRIES; AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING. THEY ENDORSED AN OUTLINE EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION FOR A CONVENTIONAL LAND MINEFIELD SYSTEM, A FURTHER PRODUCT OF THE WORK OF EUROLONGTERM.

6. THEY WELCOMED THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY BASIC HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING COURSES AND NOTED THAT THE FIRST COURSE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE WAS DUE TO TAKE PLACE SHORTLY. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT FURTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINT TRAINING WERE UNDER EXAMINATION INCLUDING THE SELF PROPELLED HOWITZER (SP70); JET PILOT AND FIGHTER WEAPONS; AND DEEP SEA DIVING. THEY REVIEWED ACTIVITY IN OTHER AREAS INCLUDING THE RATIONALIZATION OF MEDICAL SERVICES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO STUDIES INTO THE COORDINATION OF MEDICAL SUPPORT IN EUROPE; FURTHER WORK ON THE DEFINITION OF A TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM; COOPERATION IN THE LOGISTICS FIELD; AND THE EXAMINATION OF THE DIFFERENCES IN NATIONAL ARMY STRUCTURES.

7. MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR FURTHER EUROPEAN COLLABORATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF THE NEED FOR STANDARDIZATION WHEREVER POSSIBLE; AND THE PROGRESSIVE GROWTH OF CLOSER AND MORE BALANCED COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE IN THIS FIELD. THEY THEREFORE WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT OF THE

UNITED STATES' RECENT STATEMENT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON EQUIPMENT COOPERATION; AND RE-EMPHASISED THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS TASK FOR THE ALLIANCE. THEY NOTED THE PROGRESS WHICH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR.

8. THE NEXT MEETING OF EUROGROUP IN MINISTERIAL SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

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